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MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

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**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE
DAREBIN CITY COUNCIL HELD TUESDAY 16 FEBRUARY 2016**

THE MEETING OPENED AT 7.00 PM

1. PRESENT

Councillors

Cr Vince Fontana (Mayor) (Chairperson)
Cr Gaetano Greco
Cr Tim Laurence
Cr Bo Li
Cr Trent McCarthy
Cr Steven Tsitas
Cr Angela Villella
Cr Oliver Walsh (Deputy Mayor)
Cr Julie Williams

Council Officers

Steve Hamilton – Director Assets and Business Services
Jacinta Stevens – Executive Manager Corporate Governance and Performance

Other

Hubert Wajszel – Barry.Nilsson Lawyers

2. APOLOGIES

An apology was lodged for the initial absences of Cr. Walsh (7.03 pm), Cr. Villella (7.08 pm) and Cr. McCarthy (7.24 pm).

3. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

4. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS CONSIDERED CONFIDENTIAL

CLOSE OF MEETING

MOVED: Cr. S. Tsitas
SECONDED: Cr. J. Williams

THAT in accordance with section 89(2) of the *Local Government Act 1989*, Council resolves to close the meeting to members of the public to consider the following item which relates to a personnel matter:

4.1 Response to Local Government Investigations and Compliance Directorate

CARRIED

The meeting was closed to members of the public at 7.02 pm.

The Council considered Report Item 4.1 (Response to Local Government Investigations and Compliance Directorate) which had been circulated to Councillors on 12 February 2016.

RE-OPENING OF MEETING

MOVED: Cr. B. Li
SECONDED: Cr. T. McCarthy

THAT the meeting be re-opened to the members of the public.

CARRIED

The meeting was open to members of the public at 9.20 pm.

Cr. Williams left the meeting at 9.25 pm.

CLOSE OF MEETING

MOVED: Cr. B. Li
SECONDED: Cr. T. McCarthy

THAT the meeting be closed to the members of the public.

CARRIED

The meeting was closed to members of the public at 9.46 pm.

The meeting be re-opened to the members of the public at 10.50 pm

At 10.49 pm advice was given to the Mayor and Councillors that the meeting had not been extended at 10 pm as per the requirements of the Governance Local Law.

The Mayor declared the meeting had lapsed and adjourned the meeting to 6 .00 pm, Monday 22 February 2016.

CONFIDENTIAL**4.1 RESPONSE TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT INVESTIGATIONS
AND COMPLIANCE INSPECTORATE**

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Report Background

This report is in response to a letter received from the Local Government Investigations and Compliance Inspectorate (Inspectorate) in relation to an investigation they are currently undertaking.

Previous Council Resolution

This matter is not the subject of a previous Council resolution.

Previous Briefing(s)

This matter has not previously been to a Councillor briefing.

Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy

Nil

Summary

In response to the Inspectorate's letter, Council's assigned lawyer has prepared a response for Council's consideration.

Recommendation

THAT the Council Resolution and report remain confidential.

5. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 10.51 pm.

